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**Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuing patent application of:**

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**For:** B2 MICROGLOBULIN FUSION PROTEINS AND HIGH AFFINITY VARIANTS

**Enclosed are:**

- ☒ 23 pages of specification and 3 pages of claims.
- ☒ 7 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ 6 pages of an Oath or Declaration:
  - ☒ A copy of two oaths or declarations (3 pages each) filed with the prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission:
  - ☒ Computer Readable Copy.
  - ☒ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy), 8 pages.
  - ☒ Statement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 verifying identity of above copies.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to: The Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, a Recordation Cover Sheet, and a Recordal fee of \$40.00.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment and an Abstract on a separate page.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 and copies of documents listed thereon that were previously cited by the Patent Office in prior Application No. 09/719,243.

**Continuing Application:**

- ☐ Continuation
- ☒ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

**Information from Prior Application:**

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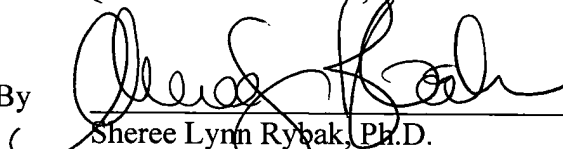
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